



RESOLUTION No. 2015-16



City of Menasha

RESOLUTION R-9-15

JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT FUNDS THROUGH THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES CONNECTING THE CITIES OF NEENAH AND MENASHA

Introduced by Neenah Mayor Dean Kaufert and Menasha Mayor Don Merkes

WHEREAS, the cities of Neenah and Menasha support the creation of a loop trail around the southern portion of Little Lake Butte des Morts because it will provide a safe, healthful and economically beneficial connection to the State Friendship Trail; and,

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of constructing two pedestrian bridges across the Fox River is estimated to be \$3.2 million, has been identified in each city's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP); and,

WHEREAS, grant aid and fundraising is required to carry out this project and it is anticipated that a \$1.6 million matching State grant will be received and that a private fundraising effort led by Future Neenah, Inc. will yield approximately \$1 million, leaving the local governments' share at close to \$600,000; and,

WHEREAS, the local governments' share would be split equally between Neenah and Menasha and staff would strive to reduce this amount by pursuing in-kind construction donations and/or sponsorships to be approved by each governing body; and,

WHEREAS, the cities of Neenah and Menasha shall assemble the necessary funding to meet the requirements of the State matching grant.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEENAH, WISCONSIN AND THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MENASHA, WISCONSIN this 17th day of March, 2015, that the City of Neenah, Wisconsin hereby authorizes M. Eileen McCoy, Director of Parks and Recreation; and the City of Menasha, Wisconsin hereby authorizes Brian Tungate, Director of Parks and Recreation, to act on behalf of the City of Neenah and City of Menasha to:

- Submit an application to the State Department of Natural Resources for any financial aid that may be available;
- Submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation within 6 months of project completion;
- Sign and submit documents; and
- Take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the approved project

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Neenah and City of Menasha will comply with state and federal rules for the programs; may perform force account work; will maintain the completed project in an attractive, inviting and safe manner; will keep the facilities open to the general public during reasonable hours consistent with the type of facility; and will obtain approval in writing from the Wisconsin Natural Resources Department or the National Park Service before any change is made in the use of the project site.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Neenah and the City of Menasha are seeking support for this important regional project from our elected officials in Madison and that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Walker, Senator Roth and Representatives Rohrkaste and Stuck.

CITY OF NEENAH, WISCONSIN

Moved:_____

Dean Kaufert, Mayor

Passed:_____

Patricia A. Sturn, City Clerk

CITY OF MENASHA, WISCONSIN

Moved:_____

Donald Merkes, Mayor

Passed:_____

Deborah A. Galeazzi, City Clerk